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(Docket No. 406470)

In re the Application of:)
Anthony Baerlocher)
Serial No.: 09/964,060) Art Unit: 3713
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For: GAMING APPARATUS AND METHOD)

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A gaming apparatus comprising:

a wager receipt mechanism;

a player interface including a display device;

a payout device; and

a processor coupled to the wager receipt mechanism and to the player interface and to the payout device and operating under stored program control,

the stored program control operable for displaying an array of first indicia respectively masking second indicia on the display, the first indicia being player-